GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT
LOK SABHA

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TRAINING OF TEACHERS
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Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

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(a) whether the Government has any scheme for imparting training to teachers for developing their skills and improving the quality of education at secondary stage;

(b) if so, the details thereof alongwith the details of funds allocated during the last three years and the current year,State-wise;

(c) whether funds allocated for such schemes have not been fully utilized by some States during 2007-08;

(d) if so,the details and the reasons therefor,State-wise;

(e) whether the Government has made any study to find out the factors responsible for non-utilisation of such funds;

(f) if so,the details and the outcome thereof;and

(g) the steps taken/to be taken by the Government to improve the situation?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN R ESOURCE DEVELOPMENT(SHRI M.A.A. FATMI)

(a)to(d): Under the Centrally Sponsored Scheme of Teacher Education,Colleges of Teacher Education(CTEs) and Institutes of Advanced Studies in Education(IASEs)have been established in various States of the country to perform the following broad functions in the field of secondary teacher education:-.

(i) imparting quality pre-service and in-service education to secondary school teachers;

(ii) preparation of personnel for the faculties of elementary teacher education institutions, and their continuing education;

(iii) provision of general resource support to secondary schools and elementary teacher education institutions; and

(iv) research, innovation and extension work in the field of secondary education and elementary teacher education.

As of now,104 CTEs and 31 IASEs have been sanctioned.A statement indicating the Central assistance released for CTEs & IASEs during the last three years and the current year, including the utilization position for the year 2007-08,is annexed.Underutilisation of funds reported by Assam and Gujarat is due to various reasons,including lower absorptive capacity of funds for salaries and training programmes.

(e) to (g): The performance of the CTEs/IASEs,including utilization of funds,is reviewed by Teacher Education Approval Board(TEAB) in the Ministry.After in-depth scrutiny,TEAB approves the State Plans and the matter is periodically reviewed by the Government.In order to evaluate the performance of the various teacher training institutions in the country,including the CTEs and IASEs,the Government has entrusted the task of evaluation of the Teacher Education Scheme to the National Council of Educational Research & Training(NCERT), New Delhi.